

[§ 150. Repealed. Pub. L. 105-178, title I, § 1103(D)(5), as added Pub. L. 105-206, title IX, § 9002(c)(1), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 834]

Section, added Pub. L. 93-87, title I, § 157(a), Aug. 13, 1973, 87 Stat. 277; amended Pub. L. 97-424, title I, § 124, Jan. 6, 1983, 96 Stat. 2113, related to allocation of urban system funds.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective simultaneously with enactment of Pub. L. 105-178 and to be treated as included in Pub. L. 105-178 at time of enactment, see section 9016 of Pub. L. 105-206, set out as an Effective Date of 1998 Amendment note under section 101 of this title.

§ 151. National bridge inspection program

(a) NATIONAL BRIDGE INSPECTION STANDARDS.—The Secretary, in consultation with the State transportation departments and interested and knowledgeable private organizations and individuals, shall establish national bridge inspection standards for the proper safety inspection and evaluation of all highway bridges.

(b) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF INSPECTION STANDARDS.—The standards established under subsection (a) shall, at a minimum—

(1) specify, in detail, the method by which such inspections shall be carried out by the States;

(2) establish the maximum time period between inspections;

(3) establish the qualification for those charged with carrying out the inspections;

(4) require each State to maintain and make available to the Secretary upon request—

(A) written reports on the results of highway bridge inspections together with notations of any action taken pursuant to the findings of such inspections; and

(B) current inventory data for all highway bridges reflecting the findings of the most recent highway bridge inspections conducted; and

(5) establish a procedure for national certification of highway bridge inspectors.

(c) TRAINING PROGRAM FOR BRIDGE INSPECTORS.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the State transportation departments, shall establish a program designed to train appropriate governmental employees to carry out highway bridge inspections. Such training program shall be revised from time to time to take into account new and improved techniques.

(d) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—To carry out this section, the Secretary may use funds made available pursuant to the provisions of section 104(a), section 502, and section 144 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 100-17, title I, § 125(a), Apr. 2, 1987, 101 Stat. 166; amended Pub. L. 105-178, title I, § 1212(a)(2)(A)(ii), title V, § 5119(e), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 193, 452.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 151, added Pub. L. 93-87, title II, § 205(a), Aug. 13, 1973, 87 Stat. 284; amended Pub. L. 94-280, title II, § 207, May 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 454; Pub. L. 95-599, title I, § 127, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2707; Pub. L. 96-470, title II, § 209(c), Oct. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 2245; Pub. L. 97-375, title I, § 111(a), Dec. 21, 1982, 96 Stat. 1821, related to a pavement marking demonstration program,

prior to repeal by Pub. L. 100-17, title I, § 125(a), Apr. 2, 1987, 101 Stat. 166.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsecs. (a), (c). Pub. L. 105-178, § 1212(a)(2)(A)(ii), substituted “State transportation departments” for “State highway departments”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 105-178, § 5119(e), substituted “section 502,” for “section 307(a),”.

§ 152. Hazard elimination program

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) PROGRAM.—Each State shall conduct and systematically maintain an engineering survey of all public roads to identify hazardous locations, sections, and elements, including roadside obstacles and unmarked or poorly marked roads, which may constitute a danger to motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians, assign priorities for the correction of such locations, sections, and elements, and establish and implement a schedule of projects for their improvement.

(2) HAZARDS.—In carrying out paragraph (1), a State may, at its discretion—

(A) identify, through a survey, hazards to motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and users of highway facilities; and

(B) develop and implement projects and programs to address the hazards.

(b) The Secretary may approve as a project under this section any safety improvement project, including a project described in subsection (a).

(c) Funds authorized to carry out this section shall be available for expenditure on—

(1) any public road;

(2) any public surface transportation facility or any publicly owned bicycle or pedestrian pathway or trail; or

(3) any traffic calming measure.

(d) The Federal share payable on account of any project under this section shall be 90 percent of the cost thereof.

(e) Funds authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section shall be available for obligation in the same manner and to the same extent as if such funds were apportioned under section 104(b), except that the Secretary is authorized to waive provisions he deems inconsistent with the purposes of this section.

(f) Each State shall establish an evaluation process approved by the Secretary, to analyze and assess results achieved by safety improvement projects carried out in accordance with procedures and criteria established by this section. Such evaluation process shall develop cost-benefit data for various types of corrections and treatments which shall be used in setting priorities for safety improvement projects.

(g) Each State shall report to the Secretary of Transportation not later than December 30 of each year, on the progress being made to implement safety improvement projects for hazard elimination and the effectiveness of such improvements. Each State report shall contain an assessment of the cost of, and safety benefits derived from, the various means and methods used to mitigate or eliminate hazards and the previous and subsequent accident experience at these locations. The Secretary of Transpor-